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On 26 March 2004 the Security Council adopted resolution 1534 (2004) concerning the Completion Strategies of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

Following the adoption of this resolution, France wishes to make it clear that the need to respect the dates for completion of the work of ICTY and ICTR, as duly noted in resolution 1534 (2004), should not be construed as undermining the principle of independence of the two Tribunals and the separation of their functions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective Statutes and Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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